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Apparatus For Maintaining Contact
Between Tissue And Electrophysiology
Elements And Confirming Whether A
Therapeutic Lesion Has Been Formed

Group Art Unit: 3739
Examiner: Vrettakos

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Respectfully submitted,

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